

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 12554

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, UK, EI, US  
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE ON NORTHERN IRELAND

REF: A) LONDON 12266; B) STATE 177400

1. AS WE REPORTED IN REF A, THE SUNDAY TIMES STORY REGARDING THE REPORTED CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE HAS HAD LITTLE RESONANCE HERE. IN THE EVENT EMBASSY RECEIVES ANY INQUIRIES, WE SHALL LIMIT COMMENTS TO OFFICIAL STATEMENTS THAT ARE ALREADY ON THE RECORD. BECAUSE THIS SUBJECT IS AT LEAST AS SENSITIVE FOR HMG AS FOR USG, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO COUNSEL HMG TO AVOID COMMENT.

2. DESPITE THE APPARENT LACK OF LOCAL MEDIA INTEREST IN THE SUNDAY TIMES STORY, WE NOTE THAT THE JULY 30 ECONOMIST HAS A LEAD EDITORIAL ON THIS SUBJECT. ECONOMIST SAYS, INTER ALIA, THAT "PRESIDENT CARTER IS PLANNING, DESPITE TACTFUL DENIALS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO PUSH AMERICAN MONEY TOWARDS NI ... THE CARTER INITIATIVE ... COULD BE ANYTHING FROM A MODEST STATEMENT ENCOURAGING PRIVATE AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN THE PROVINCE TO A MORE AMBITIOUS DOLLAR-DENOMINATED AID PROGRAM  
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OFFERING REAL INCENTIVES TO INDUSTRY." IT GOES ON TO DESCRIBE CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN SUCH AN INITIATIVE, TO ALLEGE THAT A SPECIFIC U.S. PROPOSAL IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY HMG AND GOI AND TO URGE THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO APPROVE THE US PROPOSAL QUICKLY. THIS PIECE, OF COURSE, MAY GENERATE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT.

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